

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Sarah Edwards, a young woman with dark hair styled up, wearing a dark off-the-shoulder dress and a pearl necklace. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies.

*Sarah Edwards*

*Sunrise*  
March 3, 1927

*Sunset*  
October 24, 2014

**Service**

*Saturday, November 1, 2014- 9:00 a.m.*

**MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**

112-42 Springfield Blvd. • Queens Village, New York 11429

*Pastor A'Kim Beecham, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Sarah B. Edwards**, daughter of Willa Mae Barr, was born in Oine, (Warren County) North Carolina on March 3rd 1927.

She spent her formative years, growing up with her brothers, Robert, Eddie, Joe Barr Jr., and sisters Clara and Rachel. All of her siblings preceded her in death except Rachel. She received her primary education while in Warren County. Looking to learn and be more than a sharecropper's wife, Sarah decided that she needed to move to a larger city with more options and opportunities.

Making a difficult, but commendable long-term decision, she moved to New York to make a better living for herself, making it easier to provide for her children Robert "Junie" Edwards, Dorothea, Eleanor and Franklin. When she left North Carolina for New York, she knew that she needed to learn more in order to be a success in life. For many years, she worked as a sewing machine operator in a factory that made leather handbags. Later, she studied cosmetology at the Wilfred Beauty Academy and practiced that profession until 1971. Sarah loved the art of making people beautiful, as we all saw in her make-up and hair. She looked beautiful whenever she went out, even if she left her place just to get a loaf of bread.

She resided in the Bronx for over 50 years, raising her youngest son during that time, Sean Michael Edwards; and being an encouraging grandmother to Tamika, Rodney, Elijah, Veronica, Byron, Sheila, Arnold and Curtis. She also spent her time creating a variety of beautiful arts and crafts, including artisan breads and desserts, handmade quilts, comforters, crocheted scarves, hats, afghans and caring for a host of plants, which she called "her babies". Her days were filled with the activities she enjoyed. Sarah read and maintained a collection of magazines, always looking to learn more, and expand her knowledge base.

During the last few decades, mom preferred to stay at home, in her apartment. To her, the world had become unsafe and frightening, it was better to stay home. She often would say, "I don't want any company", however she enjoyed our company when we went to see her and didn't want us to leave.

After a long illness that peaked earlier this year, she quietly and peacefully passed Friday morning, October 24, 2014, leaving a family that will greatly miss and always remember her, the beautiful Sarah Edwards.

*Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scriptures**

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Viewing**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# CHOICES

“You can shed tears that she’s gone Or you can smile because she has lived You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left Your heart can be empty because you cannot see her Or you can be full of the love you have shared You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday You can remember her and only that she is gone Or you can cherish her memory and let It live on You can cry and close your mind, Be empty and turn your back Or you can do what she would want Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.”

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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